

ALEXANDRIA FIVE SCHOOLS CLOSED BY BOARD

Classes in Peabody Building Going to Temporary Quarters.

Property May Be Sold and New Structure Erected.

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Five public schools in Alexandria closed temporarily this morning because of the report of the grand jury that the Peabody and Howell school buildings are unsafe and recommending that these buildings be condemned and closed.

The city school board held a special meeting last evening, when the report of the grand jury was received. The board, after much discussion, ordered that the classes on the third floor of the Peabody building, which are taught by Miss Mamie Bantz, Miss Sophie Bowie, Miss Oleana Bruce and Miss Beale King, and the one in the third story of the Howell building, taught by Miss Virginia Roxbury, will be closed until buildings could be secured in which the classes could be reopened.

The superintendent, with trustees W. M. Smith, Laurence Stabler and William J. Boothe, were appointed a committee to secure buildings in which to conduct the schools until the summer vacation.

The closing of the five schools affects over two hundred children.

At the meeting last evening the matter of building a school for white girls, to take the place of the Peabody building, was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that the Peabody be sold and the money from that source used to purchase a site, and that the city council should be asked for money to erect an up-to-date building. Superintendent Kemper this morning said he thought it would require an appropriation by council of \$25,000 to erect a building.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the school board last evening were busy this morning trying to find places in which to reopen the schools closed by the board. As the children cannot be put in any room above the second floor the committee are having trouble finding suitable rooms. Among the buildings mentioned as being suitable and which may be secured by the committee are the old Asaph street house, at Prince and St. Asaph streets; the Old Woman's Home, at Fairfax and Cameron streets, and the old Boardman House.

Isaac M. Studds, sixty-nine years of age, died at his home in Gibbs street, between Washington and Columbus streets, last evening. Mr. Studds has been for many years foreman in the Agricultural Department in Washington. He was born in England, but came to this country in his youth. He is survived by four children, Wilmer I. Studds, George C. Studds, Abram L. Studds, and Mrs. H. V. Kelley.

United States Commissioner R. W. P. Garnett had Charles Stout, of Loudoun county, before him yesterday, charged with violating the internal revenue laws. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was held for the grand jury in \$300 bail.

The committee on public property of the city council, through the chairman, Charles B. Marshall, has advertised for bids for the sale of the old hydraulic engine house situated in North Royal street, above Cameron street.

Chester Gillette Dies Monday If Governor Doesn't Interfere; Hearing for Respite Tomorrow

Slayer of "Billy" Brown Entertains Hope of Escaping Electric Chair.



CHESTER GILLETTE, Slayer of Pretty Grace Brown, Who Will Die in the Electric Chair Monday If His Sentence Is Not Commuted.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Chester E. Gillette, convicted slayer of his former sweetheart, Grace Brown, will make his final effort to escape the electric chair at a hearing before Governor Hughes tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

If the governor does not grant a respite the Big Moose Lake murderer will be executed at an early hour Monday.

Attorney John H. Dugan, of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, parents of the condemned man, called on the governor last night and asserted that they had new evidence which would have tended to change the verdict.

Governor Hughes agreed to hear whatever they might desire to present to him tomorrow, as he is at Niagara Falls today.

Mill Girl's Romance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, accompanied by Miss Gillette, went to Albany last night and secured the services of Attorney Dugan. Instead of asking for a respite in order to have time to present to the supreme court justice the newly discovered evidence and make a motion for a new trial, and in turn have the court ask for a respite until it has been passed, Dugan tomorrow will ask the governor to pass on the evidence and then decide if it is of sufficient importance to be presented to a court.

If Governor Hughes should grant the respite, an application will be made to a supreme court judge for a new trial, on the ground of new evidence.

Neither the counsel nor the members of the family would discuss the new evidence. Dugan came into the case only yesterday and as the application for a new trial must be made before a justice in the district in which Gillette was convicted, it is impossible for him to prepare the necessary papers within the short time left.

A mill girl's romance was the beginning of the terrible tragedy in the lives of pretty Grace Brown and Chester Gillette. There is nothing more pitiful in all fiction than the sadness, which her own great love and the inhuman selfishness of the man she loved brought into her life. From the moment she met Gillette she was marked; suffering which ended only when her helpless body sank beneath the waters of Big Moose lake, in the Adirondacks—his victim.

And for him there is only fear, shrinking from pain, from the unknown, but he cannot feel as Grace Brown felt. He cannot suffer, even in the electric chair, where he must sit Monday, the terrible anguish of the selfish, simple girl of twenty, who had trusted her life, her very life into his hands, to be ruthlessly destroyed, one by one.

Life and Death Story.

This is the life-story of Chester Gillette and Grace Brown—their death story as well. Grace Brown was a tender child, with the soul of a woman.

Gillette was a selfish sensualist, with the soul of a monster.

Grace Brown was the fourth child of Frank B. Brown, a farmer of Otsego, N. Y., and was twenty years old when she was killed by Chester Gillette. In her native village she grew into the love of the people as she grew in years. She was slender, bright, graceful, with brown hair that coiled high on her poised head, and brown eyes. She was the most popular girl in the village among those of her own age, who called

her "Billy"; she was the most loved of the girls in the village among the older folks, who called her Grace.

Her father's family was large, and she went to Cortland to get work. She lived with the Wheeler family, friends of her father, and soon found a chance to earn her own living and help her family in the shirt factory of N. H. Gillette, the wealthiest manufacturer in Cortland. There she worked in peace and happiness until she met Chester Gillette.

He was three years older than the girl and his home was in Washington, but he had come east to enter his uncle's business. He was rather an idle young fellow and did not make much headway in the work, preferring to play tennis and golf, and fish and camp. It was not long before he saw Grace Brown in the factory, her shapely arms bared to the elbows, her fine spun hair coiled high on her head, her brown eyes dancing and her happy heart making her sing as she worked.

Girl's Family No Bar.

In a small country place like Cortland social distinctions are not finely drawn. Although Gillette was the superior of the girl in family, education, and prospects, this was no bar to their intimacy.

Then she grew to love him. Gillette had a winning way, and it was not long before poor little "Billy" Brown was completely, devotedly his slave. And in this first period of her great love she found perfect happiness—the great joy of her life that was so soon to be clouded with sorrow.

Gillette behaved with great decorum toward the girl at the Wheeler house and was generally regarded there as her suitor.

Then Gillette began to grow tired of her. Her quick intuition saw this almost before the man himself knew it. It almost broke her heart, but she hid her knowledge, even from him and tried to win him back. He would be away from her for long intervals, and it was during these that the pathetic letters introduced in the trial, and now classic in criminal history, were written.

Pacified With Promises.

Gillette's wayward fancy strayed in other ways. The girl was in such a condition that to save her reputation he must marry her. Gillette pacified her with promises, and three weeks before the tragedy she went home on her regular summer vacation.

She spent much of her time sewing—her trousseau, as she hoped—her shroud, as it developed. Letters came to her there frequently from Gillette, and her father took her answers—those pitiful mislabeled—down to the South Otsego postoffice and mailed them to Gillette. She told the family that she was to marry Chester, and they thought it a good match.

She did not resume her work at the

DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED IN HOUSE

Measure Carries Appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Armor and Armament.

A bill making immediate appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Navy Department for the purchase of armor and armament for battleships was favorably reported to the House today by the Committee on Appropriations.

In reporting the measure, the committee made public the hearing it gave Secretary of the Navy Mahan in regard to why he made contracts for \$12,000,000 worth of armament when Congress had appropriated only \$10,000,000. This report of the hearing shows that Chairman Tawney, of the committee, made it very plain to Secretary Mahan that Congress does not approve of the heads of departments contracting at a greater rate than the appropriations made by Congress.

Included in this deficiency bill are the following items:

For paper for checks and drafts, \$1,500

For furniture, House of Representatives, 4,000

For contingent expenses, House of Representatives, 20,000

factor, intending, poor child, to prolong her holiday. She joined Gillette, and they went together to Big Moose lake, where they arrived July 11, 1906. Gillette had a dress suit case, with a tennis racket strapped on the side. On the suit case were the initials "C. G."

Both Seemed Happy.

They went to the Glenmore Hotel, where Gillette registered them as "Carl Graham, of Albany," and "Grace Brown, of Otsego." The girl made everyone notice that she was radiantly happy. The man seemed devoted and attentive.

Under all this masquerade of pleasure, what terrible, sinister design must have lurked in the heart of Chester Gillette!

He had laid careful plans which he believed infallible. He deliberately took the girl out that day that he might do away with her.

He sought until he found the right spot for the tragic, dark, terrible crime he contemplated, and this was Big Moose lake. Gillette took a light wood boat, and she started on the finish of Grace Brown's runaway pleasure trip—the trip that was to end for her in the waters of Big Moose lake and for Gillette in the electric chair.

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More or less
As it went bobbin'
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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ENDS IN WORKHOUSE

Because he celebrated a week's enforced absence from his daily tasks in fiery fluids, Harry Dent, carpenter, frescoer, post-hole excavator, and general contractor, will spend the next fifteen days in the workhouse unless he can borrow \$5 from his brother and employer to pay his fine.

Dent had plenty to do until last week, when the fire near the ball park destroyed a large amount of lumber on which he was working. Having saved a small bit, however, he started out to forget himself among convivial acquaintances with spirituous liquors.

Dent was so successful in his quest that he could tell but little concerning the last seven days.

Thinking he had forgotten too much, Judge Muldowny offered to give him desk room in the workhouse for fifteen days for thinking purposes.

THE SUN FROM A BALLOON.

At the height of two miles sun shines with a fierce intensity unknown below, where the dust and the denser air scatter the rays which, thus diffused, lose their intensity while illumining every nook and corner of our houses. At heights exceeding five miles this diffused light is mostly gone and the sun shines as a glowing ball, sharply outlined in a sky of which the blue is so dark as to approach blackness. At the outer limits of the atmosphere the sun would appear a brilliant star of massive size among other stars, and if one stepped from its burning rays into shadow he would enter Egyptian darkness.

At the height of a mile and a half we found it necessary to shelter our faces to prevent sunburn, although the air around us was but little warmer than that of the previous night, being about forty-five degrees. As the afternoon wore on and the balloon began to cool and sink we were obliged to throw out much sand, casting it away a scouppol at a time and just after sunset it was even necessary to empty two or three bags at once.—The Atlantic.

SHOOTS HIS SWEETHEART FOR GETTING VALENTINE

CARLETON, Pa., March 27.—In a fit of jealous rage because she received a valentine from another man, Percy Hill, of this place, it is charged, shot his cousin, Miss Chelva Hancock, at Olean, N. Y. Two bullets entered her breast. She died shortly after the shooting.

The feeling against her alleged slayer is so intense that he was spirited away to the county jail at Little Valley, N. Y., where a special session of court was held. Hill pleaded not guilty, waived examination and was held for the grand jury. Hill had been a visitor at the Hancock home, in Olean, for several days.

The shooting is said to have followed a quarrel over the disposition of a valentine said to have been sent to Miss Hancock by another man. She accused him of having destroyed it, whereupon, it is stated, he shot her.

Miss Hancock's brother disarmed Hill and turned him over to an officer. The girl was eighteen years old. The body has been brought here for burial.

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT.
At the recent dinner of the New Hampshire Society the dinner committee at the last moment was shy of speakers. W. E. Chandler and others couldn't come, and Mr. Little, a loyal son of the State, was drafted. He made a speech of rounded periods and swelling eloquence.

The 299 New Hampshire feasters were either dazed, dumb or well, never mind—but never hand did Mr. Little get. Impenetrable silence was his portion from start to finish, and not until the end did he have his revenge. He then announced:

"Gentlemen: I have repeated to you word for word the great speech of Daniel Webster, our greatest son, at the New Hampshire festival held in Boston in November, 1849, and not a mother's son of New Hampshire here has recognized a word of it."

Then came the yells and shouts of laughter.—New York Sun.

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Corned Brisket Beef, a lb... 7c
Pig Tails, a lb..... 6c

FRESH MEATS

Pork Shoulders, a lb..... 9c
Pork Hams, 7 to 9 lbs., a lb. 12c
Pork Spare Ribs, a lb..... 8c

SPECIALS

Calves' Liver, a lb..... 22c
Cooked Beef Tongues... 50c each
Smoked Beef Tongues... 50c each

SMOKED MEATS

Honey Brand Hams, a lb. 12½c
Honey Hams, sliced, a lb... 18c
Honey Brand Bacon, a lb. 12½c
Honey Bacon, sliced, a lb... 16c
Shamrock Bacon, a lb..... 20c
Picnic Ham, a lb..... 9c

LEAF LARD—PURE

50-lb. pails, per lb..... 10c
5-lb. pails..... 53c
3-lb. pails..... 32c
1-lb. packages..... 11c